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## **AMENDMENT**

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of December 19, 2003, please amend this application as follows.



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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

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The fee has been calculated as shown below.

This is an application of a small entity under 37 CFR 1.9(f), and the amounts shown in parentheses apply.

## Claims as Amended

(1)	(2) Claims remaining after amendment	(3)	(4) Highest number previously paid for	(5) Present extra	(6) Rate	(7) Additional Fee
Total claims	22	Minus	** =22	* 0 x	\$18 (9)	= \$ 0
Independent claims	4	Minus	*** =4	* 0 x	\$86 (43)	= \$ 0
		Total additional fee for this amendment				\$ 0

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	This application contains a multiple dependent claim. The required fee of \$290(145) has been previously paid $\Box$ , or is paid herewith $\Box$ .					
	This response is being filed within the month following the expiration of the term originally set therefor. This is a petition to request a month extension of time. A check covering the cost of the petition is enclosed.					
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